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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LUXEMBOURG ORGANIZATIONS PICKET SOVIET EMBASSY
OVER HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: LUXEMBOURG 0744

1. ORGANIZED BY DEMOCRATIC UNITY COMMITTEE, ABOUT 20 REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS IN LUXEMBOURG PICKETED THE SOVIET EMBASSY AT BEGGEN ON JULY 21. THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE OUTNUMBERED BY LOCAL POLICE WHO NUMBERED OVER 30. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS SUPPORTED BY A WIDE RANGE OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS, THE LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNISTS, THE NATIONAL UNION OF LUXEMBOURG STUDENTS AND THE UNION OF LUXEMBOURG COMMUNISTS.

2. THE DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED PLACARDS PROCLAIMING THE "SOLIDARITY WITH THE DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION IN THE USSR"
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AND "LIBERTY FOR GINZBOURG, CHTCHARANSKY, PLATKUS, ORLOV AND SLEPA".

3. THE SOVIET EMBASSY STAFF, HARDLY TO BE SEEN, REFUSED TO ACCEPT A PROTEST COMMUNIQUE WHICH THE DEMONSTRATORS FINALLY DECIDED TO MAIL INSTEAD OF DELIVERING IT DIRECTLY. THEY DISBANDED QUIETLY AFTER HEARING THE SPOKESMEN DEMAND FREEDOM FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND

CONDEMN WESTERN GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR HYPOCRISY ABOUT
THE RIGHTS OF MAN.

4. ACCORDING TO THE MFA, THE SOVIET EMBASSY PROTESTED
IN A FORMAL NOTE ASKING FOR INDEMNITY TO PAY FOR REMVAL
OF PAINT ON THE STREET, ON THE EMBASSY PLAQUE AND ON
THE EXTERIOR WALL. AN MFA OFFICIAL TOLD US THE GOVERN-
MENT HAD NOT YET REPLIED FORMALLY ALTHOUGH
APOLOGIES WERE TENDERED. AS THE SOVIETS PAINTED THE
WALL WITHOUT LUXEMBOURG CITY APPROVAL THE MFA WAS CON-
SIDERING IGNORING THE CLAIM FOR "DAMAGES".DENNETT

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